

Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel

Review of the Fiscal Strategy Review

PUBLIC MEETING

Record of Meeting

Date: 27th April 2011


Present	Senator S.C. Ferguson, Chairman Deputy J.A.N. Le Fondré, Vice-Chairman Senator J.L. Perchard
Apologies	Deputy D.J. de Sousa
Absent	
In attendance	Mr. W. Millow, Scrutiny Officer Miss. K. Boydens, Scrutiny Officer

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13/04/10	1. Records of Meetings The Panel approved the public and private records of its meeting held on 13th April 2011. The records were signed accordingly.	
513/28(8)	2. Report The Panel noted that the Ministerial Response to <i>Review of the Fiscal Strategy Review (SR2/2011)</i> had been presented to the States on 15th April 2011 by Senator P.F.C. Ozouf, Minister for Treasury and Resources. The Panel agreed to allocate initial responsibility for following up the Panel's conclusions to the Chairman.	SF
513/28(8)	3. Comments on P.36/2011 The Panel considered draft comments on <i>Goods and Services Tax: exemption or zero-rating for foodstuffs, domestic energy and fuel (P.36/2011)</i> . It was noted that the comments would need to be presented by 13th May 2011 ahead of the debate on P.36/2011 which was scheduled for 17th May 2011. The Panel noted that it had not explicitly considered the question of exemptions to the Goods and Services Tax (GST) during its review of the Fiscal Strategy Review (FSR). It therefore considered that while SR2/2011 had been neutral on the question of exemptions, the Panel's conclusions had been taken by Senator A. Breckon (the proposer of P.36/2011) as indicative of a particular stance. The Panel agreed that its report had, in that sense, been misinterpreted and further agreed that the draft comments should be amended to ensure that the message about the report being misinterpreted was clearly expressed.	WM
513/28(8)	4. Social Security The Panel noted receipt of correspondence, dated 6th April 2011, from Deputy I.J. Gorst, Minister for Social Security, regarding proposals to increase Social Security contributions. It was further noted that, in the light of the Panel's work on the FSR, the Minister had invited the Panel to consider whether it would wish to review the implementation of the	

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	<p>proposals.</p> <p>The Panel noted that any detailed work on proposals to increase Social Security contributions fell within the remit of the Health, Social Security and Housing (HSSH) Scrutiny Panel. However, the Panel further noted that the subject, at a higher level, was of relevance to its own work and it therefore agreed to incorporate the matter into its review of the Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR). The Panel agreed to advise the Minister to that effect.</p> <p>As part of its higher level work on the matter, the Panel agreed to request information on trends in expenditure on benefits and welfare dating back to 2003 / 2004.</p>	<p>WM</p> <p>WM / KB</p>
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Chairman, Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel